

## WAY OF "GUILTY MAN" PROVES HARD, INDEED

Members of Committee in Charge of Sociological Play Lose Courage.

J. D., JR., STARTS TROUBLE

Denies He Has Anything to Do with Production—Others Demand That Their Names Be Not Used.

The way of "The Guilty Man" is hard, especially when his doings are put in a play, even though the production of the play is announced as being under the chapering auspices of the sociological fund of "The Medical Review of Reviews," assisted by a committee composed of such persons as Norman Hammond, chairman; Mrs. O. H. Belmont, Dr. C. Ward Crampton, the Rev. John Haynes Holmes, Hamilton Holt, editor of "The Independent"; Dr. Frederick C. Howe, director of the People's Institute; Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt, Ella Wheeler Wilcox and Dr. Ira S. Wile.

Trouble for the production of the play began with a low rumble yesterday morning and ended by nightfall in the almost complete collapse of the committee. The first rumble was a statement of repudiation issued by John D. Rockefeller, Jr., denying that he had any part in the coming production.

"Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr.," his statement ran, "has taken no part in the reported plans for the presentation of a play called 'The Guilty Man.' Last evening he was a member of a committee organized on the initiative of the managers of 'The Medical Review of Reviews,' and known as the committee of the sociological fund. Mr. Rockefeller's membership on this committee had to do solely with the effort to make possible Brieux's play called 'Damaged Goods.'"

Robinson to the Rescue.

This first setback was for a time smoothed over by Frederic H. Robinson, president of the sociological fund committee, who hastened to explain that it was entirely through an error that Mr. Rockefeller's name had been announced among those on the committee. He agreed with out a murmur with Mr. Rockefeller's statement that he had nothing to do with "The Guilty Man."

But this did not end the trouble. Before the day was over Mr. Robinson received written and telephone communications from several others, whom he said were properly announced as members, asking that their names be withdrawn.

The first of these to be heard from was Hamilton Holt, who rang up Mr. Robinson, and explained he was willing to be a subscriber to the fund to the extent of buying two tickets to the performance, but did not consider himself qualified to act on the committee to boost it, since he had never read the play. Mr. Robinson thought this was fair enough, and was still not greatly worried.

Then in rapid succession he learned that Dr. C. Ward Crampton, physical director in the New York schools; Mrs. Charlotte Perkins Gilman, a sociological writer; Dr. Ira S. Wile, a member of the Board of Education and an editor of the "Medical Review of Reviews," which was standing back of the play, and Dr. Frederic C. Howe, director of the People's Institute, were not completely at ease about the appearance of their names on the committee.

Some of them asked point blank to have their names taken off, while others said they wanted to think it over. The explanations were either that they at first did not understand the nature of the play to be produced or that they were to be on the committee, intending to appear only as subscribers to tickets.

Then things began to look serious, and Mr. Robinson at once wrote a telegram to every member of the committee, and sent them flying in an effort to stop further defections.

Asks Action Be Deferred.

"Accounts of the play greatly distorted by the newspapers. Please defer action until you receive letter," pleaded the messages. Then Mr. Robinson said a detailed announcement would be issued at once for the press, but later, after consultation with somebody or other, he said this statement would not be given out until to-day.

"Whatever happens," said Mr. Robinson, "the 'Medical Review of Reviews' will stand back of the play and finance it alone if necessary. I think the whole trouble was caused by the exaggerated accounts in some papers stating that 'The Guilty Man' would be 'The Lure' and 'The Fight.' But this was an unjust comparison."

Dr. Wile, however, was not so sure the matter could be so easily straightened out. "Although I am editor of the 'Medical Review,'" he said last night, "I shall not remain on the committee if the play is put on as described in the apparently official statement. Whoever made that statement was not authorized to speak for the committee, I believe."

Dr. Howe said he wanted to know more about it before making up his mind, while Mrs. Gilman confined her remarks to the statement, "I know nothing about the matter. I am too busy to discuss it." Several others of the "officially announced committee" were equally dubious.

There were at least two faithful members, however. Mrs. O. H. Belmont's secretary said Mrs. Belmont's name was authorized and it was all right. Dr. Holmes said, "Some of them want to withdraw, do they? I suppose they were frightened off. That is characteristic of some. You can say for me that I will stick."

MAY HEAD JOHNS HOPKINS

Dr. W. H. Buckler Believed To Be Slated for President.

(By Telegram to The Tribune.)

Baltimore, Sept. 29.—It is the general opinion that Dr. William H. Buckler, archaeologist and traveler, will be the next president of Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Buckler is now in Sardis, Asia Minor, conducting archaeological work.

He was interrupted by the Balkan war and went to London, where he remained until it was safe for him to resume his quest for antiquities which he believed are concealed in the ancient Lydian kingdom.

The time is near, it is believed, when he will return to his home, Evergreen, in West North avenue. Definite action by the university trustees probably will be deferred until that time.

## RECEPTION AT THE NEW SHUBERT THEATRE.

Left to right—Sir Johnston Forbes-Robertson, Miss Julia Marlowe, De Wolf Hopper, Winthrop Ames, Lady Johnston Forbes-Robertson and George MacFarlane.



## FAVORS TAXING BACHELORS

London Paper Says Their Burdens Are Very Light.

(By Cable to The Tribune.)

London, Sept. 29.—The new American law penalizing bachelors is, says "The Telegraph," of interest far beyond the limits of the United States. "Our present income tax," "The Telegraph" adds, "recognizes the disabilities under which the married man with scant resources suffers, but it is little more than a passing need, irritating, rather than comforting."

"The existing law leaves bachelors with very light burdens, and places the main burden of the state on those who render it the most conspicuous service, but the action of Congress may show that public opinion is undergoing a change."

"Bachelors have not qualified as full citizens. By merely working and living they are rendering the state a minimum of service. The road to further reform is marked out by the innovation of the finance act of 1902, then by the principle of graduation an income tax in proportion to the size of the family. It is admitted now that it remains to give more adequate effect to it by increasing the amount of rebate."

## REBELS HOLD UP TRAIN

Kill Engineer and Rob Express Car on Mexican Road.

(By Cable to The Tribune.)

Mexico City, Sept. 29.—The train from Puebla to Mexico City was held up this morning by rebels or brigands ten miles out from Puebla. The engineer was killed at the first volley, and some of the express men and train hands were wounded. The express car was looted, but none of the passengers were injured or molested, and the train was backed to Puebla.

This assault occurred on the Mexican Railway, an English corporation, whose system is the oldest in Mexico, and which has hitherto enjoyed practical immunity from rebel activities. The company's main line connects this capital with Vera Cruz, and so far it has not been seriously interfered with. Troops were sent after them from Puebla, but no news has been received of any of the bandits being caught.

The struggle in Mexico is more and more differentiating into a dual between the government and bandits. The object of bands such as that which held up the Puebla train is declared to be simply loot. The Tampico line from San Luis Potosi has been cut east of Cardenas.

Rebels under Urbina and other chiefs are said to be massing for another attack on Torreón. The government is making strenuous efforts to get provisions and ammunition into Torreón, which has for a long time been isolated. If these supplies arrive before the rebels the latter will be easily repulsed, but if the rebels succeed in gathering in force before the arrival of relief trains the situation in the city will be critical.

## KNIGHTED ACTOR RECEIVES

Forbes-Robertson and Lady at New Shubert Theatre.

The new Shubert Theatre, in West 4th street, was thrown open for the first time yesterday afternoon by Lee and J. J. Shubert, when a tea and reception were given for Sir Johnston and Lady Forbes-Robertson, who will appear at the first performance in the new theatre on Thursday night in "Hamlet."

The guests included almost every one of note in the theatrical profession now in this city, and filled the new auditorium. On the stage were Sir Johnston and Lady Forbes-Robertson, Julia Marlowe, who read a message from E. H. Sothern, as he was unable to attend; Winthrop Ames, George MacFarlane, who sang; and De Wolf Hopper, who introduced the speakers with his usual style of curtain speech.

## LAWYER ASKS COURT PROBE

His Conduct in Litigation Over King Estate at Issue.

Brief argument was heard yesterday by the Appellate Division in Brooklyn on a motion made by Robert H. Wilson, vice-president of the Brooklyn Bar Association, to have the court investigate his conduct in the litigation over the estate of William Z. King. The matter came before the court following charges recently made by Justice Townsend Scudder in the Supreme Court involving both Mr. Wilson and Justice Joseph A. Burr, an associate justice in the Appellate Division.

Stephen A. Baldwin, representing Justice Scudder, asked that the motion be denied on the ground that Mr. Wilson should not be allowed to formulate charges against himself and practically be his own prosecutor. Mr. Baldwin said he had just been informed that suit had been commenced by Buell O. Davis, of Glen Cove, Long Island, against the law firm of Combs & Wilson to set aside a judgment obtained by the firm against Davis as executor of the estate of Mrs. Mary A. King of Greenport. The suit

## EXPECT LOWER PRICES THROUGH GOOD ROADS

Five Thousand Delegates Gather for Opening of Highway Congress in Detroit.

## WILSON LENDS APPROVAL

Secretary Houston Advocates Good Roads for Farmers in Preference to Those for Automobiles.

(By Telegram to The Tribune.)

Detroit, Sept. 29.—Primarily to cut down the high cost of living the largest assemblage of men interested in better roads ever gathered together met in the Wayne gardens to-day to begin the week of the third annual session of the American Road Congress. Five thousand delegates are present. The first paragraph of the call for the congress reads:

"Whereas, the rapid concentration of population in our large cities and the high cost of living are due in a large measure to bad roads, which render farms inaccessible, transportation uncertain and costly, educational advantages limited and social conditions unattractive, we call the American Road Congress to discuss questions which may be of practical aid to the betterment of the public roads of America."

Logan Waller Page, of Washington, president of the congress and director of the United States Office of Public Roads, called the meeting to order at 10 o'clock this morning.

President Page condemned what he termed the "haphazard issuance of long term bonds for road building."

"Every road bond," he said, "should be based upon the most thorough investigation of the needs of traffic, the financial ability of the state or local unit, and the types of road and the conduct of work should be based upon the soundest engineering principles and practice."

At the afternoon session Secretary Houston of the Department of Agriculture spoke.

Secretary Houston approved the efforts of the organization and explained the interest of the federal government with reference to road building. He urged good roads for the farmer in preference to great transcontinental highways for automobilists and at the same time he said he did not underestimate the valuable service rendered by automobilists in the propaganda for road building.

"That the essential thing to be done is the providing of good roads which shall get products from the community farms to the nearest station and make rural life more profitable, comfortable, pleasurable, I entertain no sort of doubt, and it is obvious that the representatives of the people in Congress are like minded."

"That the suggestion of federal aid to road building raises grave questions and involves possible dangers no thoughtful citizen doubts. The first practical essentials in the planning of road legislation would seem to be to recognize the states as the smallest unit with which the federal government might deal."

Letters were read from President Wilson, Speaker Champ Clark, Senator Robert M. La Follette and Representative O. W. Underwood, who expressed their regret because they were unable to attend and expressed their approval of good roads legislation.

"Every man who wishes to see this great country made the most of must sympathize with the efforts now being made to weave its parts together by good roads," wrote President Wilson.

## BYRON EXHIBITION OFFICER

Becomes Vice-President of Peace Centenary Board.

(By Cable to The Tribune.)

London, Sept. 29.—James Bryce has consented to become vice-president of the Anglo-American Exhibition at Shepherd's Bush next year in celebration of the centenary of peace between England and the United States.

The exposition grounds cover more than 150 acres. All the buildings, more than one hundred, have been completed and are ready for the installation of exhibits.

## "BEAUTY SHOP" IS OPEN.

(By Telegram to The Tribune.)

Detroit, Sept. 29.—Cohan & Harris presented Raymond Hitchcock in "The Beauty Shop," a new musical comedy in three acts, at the Detroit Theatre to-night. The book and lyrics are the joint work of Channing Pollock and Renold Wolf, with music by Charles J. Goble. Prominent members of the cast were Anna Orr, Edna Pendleton, Zella Call, Lawrence Wheat, George E. Mack, Edward Metcalf, Harry Hermanson, Samuel Ash and Edward Mora. The piece was staged by R. H. Burnside.

## WRONG WOMAN PUT IN JAIL

Now Mrs. Lavy Will Sue Mrs. Messina for \$50,000.

A remarkable case of mistaken identity came to light yesterday in the Tombs police court, when it was shown that Mrs. Frances Maas, who was arrested Saturday night on complaint of Mrs. Helen Lee Messina, of West Philadelphia, who said Mrs. Maas was Mrs. Elizabeth V. V. Nichols, a warrant for whose arrest was issued in Wilmington, N. C. The warrant charged "Mrs. Nichols" with defrauding Mrs. Messina of \$12,000 in a real estate transaction.

Five witnesses were called, three of whom were clerks of hotels in this city, to show that Mrs. Maas, who is now registered as "Mrs. Lavy" at the Edinboro Hotel, had made her home in this city for the last seven years. Mrs. Hattie Bailey and Mrs. Adelaide Mears, who knew Mrs. Nichols when she was in Wilmington, said the defendant was not Mrs. Nichols.

Magistrate House discharged Mrs. Lavy with an apology for the inconvenience she underwent in establishing her identity. She spent Saturday night and Sunday in the Tombs.

Later in the day Mrs. Helena Lee Messina was served with papers in a suit for \$50,000 damages by Joseph Rosalsky, counsel for Mrs. Lavy, Mrs. Lavy, or Mrs. Maas, alleged false imprisonment.

## EVELYN THAW A STAR

Dancer Appears in Pantomime at West End Theatre.

Evelyn Thaw made another debut last night at the West End Theatre. This time she appeared as a star under the management of Comstock & Guest, in "Marianne," an elaborate three-act musical and dancing pantomime by Maurice Volny, which ran at the Alhambra Theatre, London. The pantomime, according to the programme, shows life in the Latin quarter, Paris, in 1830. Perhaps it does. At any rate, the students wear meekish trousers and velvet coats, and have knives over their wine and sausages with the usual graces.

Mrs. Thaw is cast as an artist's model, who wins the bewitched affection of a rather passed baron, who finally casts her off for a person who is down on the programme as "the Vampire Girl," and appears to have modelled herself upon a curious combination of Madam X and Madam Nocturne.

In "Marianne" Mrs. Thaw appears to have succeeded to the appeal of present fashion, for her silk skirt in the second act makes up for the long period of self-denial she endured in a less disclosing costume during her engagement at Havermestine's. She makes a good impression as a name, and performs her dances with Jack Clifford, now one of the cast of the new piece, with considerable grace and finish. Between the acts there were several good vaudeville numbers, "The Broken Mirror," a comedy sketch by the Schwartz brothers, being particularly good.

## BANK DENIES REPORT

Brooklyn Institution Insists Messengers Weren't Robbed.

The Nassau National Bank of Brooklyn, yesterday denied the story printed in Sunday's Tribune to the effect that two of the depositors of the bank had been assaulted and robbed, one last Saturday and one a week previous, while returning from the bank with money they had just drawn.

The bank further avers that August C. Strung, of No. 412 East 154th street, and Morris Schopp, of No. 1575 Eastern Parkway, the two men said to have been robbed, are unknown to the bank and have never transacted business with it; that the bank has no account with the Flax Spinning Company, to which Strung, according to the story, was carrying money when assaulted, and that no messengers on either of the occasions going to or from the bank had the experience noted.

## RUSH HOUR CRUSH RELIEVED

Opening of Centre Street Subway Loop Gives Results.

By reason of the opening of the Centre street subway loop some additional facilities have been afforded those who rely on the elevated railroads of Brooklyn to take them home from work. Beginning September 22, the trains of the Brighton Beach line which run over the Brooklyn Bridge between 5 and 6 o'clock in the evening were increased from six six-car trains to eight six-car trains, which increased the seating capacity 600 and afforded standing room for 200 others. The Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company also will increase the service on the West End line in the rush hours.

The increased accommodations on the Brighton Beach line were made possible by sending the Lexington avenue trains through the loop. The change of route of the Lexington avenue trains has given the Myrtle avenue line much more room. The West End line is the only one now seriously congested in the rush hours.

## VALUES MINSTREL AT \$1,065

Jury Awards That Sum for Interlocutor's Life.

Binghamton, N. Y., Sept. 29.—The value of the life of the interlocutor in a minstrel show was fixed to-day by a Broom County jury in the Supreme Court at \$1,065.42, that being the verdict rendered in the trial of the case of Francis E. McGuire, as administrator of the estate of George F. Kelly, of New Hampshire, who was killed in a railroad accident at Chenango Forks.

The only question submitted to the jury was that of the worth of the minstrel, the railroad company conceding its liability and everything else in the suit.

## "LURE" LURES MORE TROUBLE

Employment Agents' Head Objects to Revised Production.

Charles O'Connor, president of the United Employment Agents' Association, announced yesterday he had engaged counsel to determine whether it was legally possible for the association to prevent the Shuberts, producers of "The Lure," from using an employment agency in their play, on the ground that it injured their business. Lee Shubert treated the affair as a joke when he learned of Mr. O'Connor's statement.

"It's ridiculous," said Mr. Shubert. "I suppose if I have an iron foundry in one of my plays the ironworkers will tell me that I am hurting their business. They—the employment agency people—haven't a leg to stand on. The same reasons might be advanced by any craft or trade whose members dislike the manner in which they are represented on the stage."

## NOT MARRIED; DEPORTED

Prosperous Looking Couple and Child Not Allowed to Land.

A well dressed couple, possessed of considerable money and baggage, who arrived here on Sunday night from Antwerp in the Red Star liner Lapland as Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Ball, were ordered deported at Ellis Island yesterday by a board of special inquiry. A nine-year-old girl traveling as their daughter also was ordered deported.

When the Lapland docked on Sunday night and the passengers came before the immigration inspector on the way up from Quarantine, Ball's answers to questions were not satisfactory. The inspector later called Mrs. Ball aside and after a brief conversation she is alleged to have admitted that she was not Ball's wife and that she had been married to another man in this country ten years ago. She is said to have maintained a massage establishment in this city under the name of Flora Blake.

The child, also examined separately, told the immigration inspector she was an orphan; that her right name was Dorothy Tremaine and that she had been taken from an asylum in Belgium.

## YALE MAY LOSE LEGACY

Bequest of \$700,000 Held Up by Suit for Redistribution.

(By Telegram to The Tribune.)

New Haven, Sept. 29.—Yale will lose the \$700,000 bequest made by Mrs. Mary O. Hotchkiss, of East River, in case the claim made by her granddaughter, Mrs. Louisa Goodno, of Pasadena, Cal., in the Probate Court here to-day is sustained. Mrs. Hotchkiss died several months ago, leaving her entire estate to Yale, subject to a life use by her daughter, Marie Hotchkiss. Mrs. Hotchkiss was the wife of Henry O. Hotchkiss, who died in this city in 1881, leaving an estate of about \$200,000.

His widow was administratrix of the estate, and Mrs. Goodno represented to the Probate Court that her grandmother, the administratrix, applied the estate to her own use instead of dividing it among three children, as directed by the will. Mrs. Goodno is the daughter of Nathaniel Hotchkiss, one of the three children, and Mrs. Goodno claims the share which her father inherited. The case will be appealed to the Superior Court.

## BANK RESOURCES DECLINE

State Institutions Report Falling Off in Quarter.

Albany, Sept. 29.—Aggregate resources of eight trust companies declined \$18,000,000, and those of 38 state banks dropped \$5,395,476 during the quarter ended September 5, according to summaries of reports of their condition on that date compiled to-day by Superintendent Van Tuyl of the State Banking Department.

Deposits in state banks diminished \$7,988,743, and cash holdings showed a falling off of \$2,533,801. Increases of \$2,591,689 in state bank loans and of \$1,067,766 in their aggregate surplus and undivided profits were reported.

## FELDER READS AUGUST AND SMITH FROM PARTY

Calls Them Traitors to Democracy, and Says They Will Support Stokes.

## DECLARES FOR KINKEAD

Precipitates Fight Among Own Supporters, Some of Whom Are Out for Grosscup for State Chairman.

(By Telegram to The Tribune.)

Trenton, N. J., Sept. 29.—Governor James F. Fleder, President Wilson's candidate for Governor of New Jersey, read ex-Senator James Smith, Jr., and James R. Nugent, the Essex bosses, out of the Democratic party this evening. He declared both were traitors to the party; that they never believed in its principles and that they intended to support Edward C. Stokes, the Republican candidate on Election Day.

Felder also declared for the selection of Representative Eugene Kinkead for state chairman, thereby precipitating a fight among his own supporters, as Edward C. Grosscup, the present chairman, has announced that he will make a strenuous fight for re-election to-morrow by the Democratic State Committee.

Felder said in part:

"From information I have received I believe Senator James Smith, Jr., took no part in the recent primary contest, but I cannot say as much for James A. Nugent. These men were not in sympathy with my candidacy, as I have never been in accord with their party policies. The latter and his close lieutenants threw their influence against me, the result in Essex County clearly demonstrates."

"I shall not be disappointed in not having in Essex County at election the support of what is there called the 'organization' because, as I have said, the few men who arrogate that title to themselves have no party principles and will prefer Mr. Stokes to me. He and they have worked together in the past and could readily do so again, but there are thousands of good loyal Democrats in Essex County who favor a good, clean, decent government for the next three years and sincerely believe in party principles who will not aid in sacrificing a party candidate who has received a decided endorsement of his fellows, as I have, and it is to them I shall make my appeal for support, with confidence in their sense of fair play, honor and justice."

"My campaign will be in the hands of the state committee, which I understand will organize to-morrow. I have no desire to dictate the choice of chairman of this body, but my preference would be for Congressman Kinkead, because he is from my own county and I can keep in closer touch with him than with any other member. I hope to have Mr. Grosscup take active charge of the campaign in South Jersey, where he is so well and favorably known."

Nugent is a member of the Democratic State Committee, which meets to-morrow, and it looks as though he will hold the balance of power in the fight between the Fleder men and Grosscup. Regardless of the Governor's statement to-night, he will sit in the committee, where it is understood he will control three votes. The Grosscup supporters declare they have nine votes pledged, which would leave only nine for Kinkead.

Ex-Governor Stokes, replying to Governor Fleder's statement, said:

"It is reported that Colonel 'Sam' Dickinson is supporting Governor Fleder, and perhaps Governor Fleder feels that as a matter of reciprocity he should turn over some prominent Democratic leaders to me. I fancy Governor Fleder is mistaken in the notion that Senator Smith and Mr. Nugent are opposed to him. It is a well known fact that these two Democratic chieftains took an active part in the commission of the crime of a fight in Jersey City yesterday for the purpose of defeating Mayor Wittgen and driving Wittgen out of the gubernatorial race, and it is an open secret that with that accomplishment they were content."

## SALOON MAN DIES IN FIRE

John Fisher lost his life in a fire which destroyed his saloon and wrecked the two story frame building at No. 168 Columbia avenue, Jersey City, early yesterday. He was thirty-eight years old.

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